

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP, SA  
SUBJ: WATER RESOURCES TRADE MISSION: SAUDI VISAS

REFS (A) USDOC 09166, (B) JIDDA 3617, (C) USDOC 08990

NEA/ARP FOR AMBASSADOR WEST

1. WE ARE EXPERIENCING BUREAUCRATIC DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING VISAS AUTHORIZED FOR TRADE MISSION MEMBERS. USDOC REFTELS NOTE THAT SAUDI EMBASSY IS UNWILLING ISSUE VISAS FOR TRADE MISSION MEMBERS UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY FONMIN. COMOFF PERSONALLY DELIVERED DIPNOTE ON TRADE MISSION TO FONMIN APRIL 24. WHEN WE CHECKED STATUS MAY 13, FONMIN REPS STATED THEY ARE AWAITING APPROVAL OF TRADE MISSION BY SAG MINCOMMERCE BEFORE FONMIN WILL AUTHORIZE SAUDI EMBASSY TO ISSUE VISAS. WE RE-VISITED FONMIN TODAY IN RESPONSE TO REF A AND FONMIN OFFICIALS ONLY AGREED TO QUERY MINCOMMERCE AGAIN, "TODAY OR TOMORROW".

2. WE ARE CERTAIN MINCOMMERCE APPROVAL WILL EVENTUALLY COME AND FON MIN WILL SOMETIME SOON CABLE ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND CONSULATES IN NEW YORK AND HOUSTON TO AUTHORIZE VISA ISSUANCE.

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3. HOWEVER, THIS MAY HAPPEN TOO LATE FOR ONE MISSION MEMBERS, MICHAEL ZIEGENHAGEN, STA-RITE INDUSTRIES, WHO, ACCORDING REF A, PLANS DEPART U.S. MAY 18.

4. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF DEPARTMENT AND, IF CONVENIENT, THE AMBASSADOR TO SOLICIT GOOD WILL OF SAG AMBASSADOR IN HELPING

RESOLVE PROBLEM.

5. FOR COMMERCE: STA-RITE REP WILL EITHER HAVE TO DELAY HIS  
DEPARTURE, IF NECESSARY, OR CANCEL HIS PARTICIPATION SINCE IT  
WILL BE EXTREMELY, UNLIKELY HE CAN OBTAIN SAUDI VISA FROM ANOTHER  
SAG EMBASSY OUTSIDE U.S. WITHIN TIME REMAINING.  
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